

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY (BCA)**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

Meeting convened at 6:45 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

Board members present: Steven Adler, Marvin Bailey, Gary Bunnell, Dylan Ford, William Graves (Chair), Benjamin Heisholt (Town Clerk), Dennis McLam, and Jeremy Roberts.

Others present: Holly Cannon (Lyndon State College News 7), John Cook, Keith Gadapee, and Victoria Nicoletta (Lyndon State College News 7).

1. Discussion regarding location of polling place for November 4, 2014 General Election

Mr. Graves indicated that Board members should have received a letter from Mr. Heisholt indicating the cause for this meeting. Statewide Primary and General Elections are normally held at the Town Hall at 160 Church Street. The boiler in the former Fire Station annexed to the Town Hall, which provides heat to the Town Hall, has failed an insurance inspection. The Selectboard has decided to disable the boiler rather than repair it to a condition that would pass inspection. This renders the Town Hall unheated, which makes it difficult or impossible to use the building for the General Election to be held November 4, 2014. Additionally, the Town Hall has water leaks which render the building without running water. The water problem was extant during the Primary Election in August; it did not interfere with polling, but caused inconvenience for poll workers.

Discussion ensued regarding potential alternative locations. Mr. Graves and Mr. Heisholt indicated that they had visited the current Fire Station, located at 151 Bimson Drive, to assess its viability as a polling place. Mr. Heisholt indicated that on his visit he had been accompanied by Fire Chief Ronald Morse and by Town Hall caretaker David Stevenson, who sets up the polling place for the Town. Both Mr. Morse and Mr. Stevenson were agreeable to holding the election at the Fire Station. Mr. Graves and Mr. Heisholt indicated that the conference room at the Fire Station appears to be a suitable location, with handicap accessibility and no features, or lack thereof, that would interfere with an orderly and lawful election.

Mr. Bailey moved to appoint the Fire Station, located 151 Bimson Drive, as the polling place for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

2. Other business

No other business was discussed.

3. Adjournment

Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. McLam and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

A true record.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk